LIVE NEWS AND FRESH GOSSIP FROM THE CITIES AND TOWNS OF VIRGINIA.

CADETS AWAIT DEVELOPMENTS

General Shipp Has Not Yet Inflicted Any Penalty.

THE CLASS IS UNDER ARREST

Full List of Those Who Were Engaged in Escapade-The Boys Say They Want to Be Dismissed-Their Parents Are Arriving.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LEXINGTON, VA., December 11 .- A feeling of uncertainty and expectancy prevades the Virginia Military Institute barracks as to the outcome of the es-capade by members of the third class on Tuesday night. General Shipp has the matter under consideration, but no defnite steps have yet been taken. It is not known what penalty will be inflicted, but one thing is sure: If the class is dismissed there will be no taking them back again.
The boys want to be dismissed, and

The boys want to be desissed, and say if penalties are imposed upon them they will resist performing the same. It is understood that General Shipp has been in frequent communication by wire with members of the Board of Visitors. Final action will be taken within the next few days. All of the participants are now under airest, although they are re-quired to meet their classes. While your correspondent was at barracks this afternoon interviewing the president of the ciass, an occasional cannon cracker was class, an occasional cannot class, the heard, showing that the spirit of defiance s... prevails. The boys were eager to talk for publication, and seemed to glory in the success of their undertaking THE CELEBRATION.

There seems to be no doubt that the reason for the celebration was the ethe cadets ten days' holiday during Christmas, although when questioned to day by General Shipp they denied that to be the case, but would not assign any special reason for the breach of dis-cipline. Plans were laid last Sunday for the pyrotechnic display, and in concep-tion and execution their plans were strict-

The display is said to have surpassed anything of the kind yet attempted, oven laying in the shade the celebration of the class of '99 on New Year's eve, which resulted in the dismissal of that class. The third class assembled after midnight. After binding and muffling the sentinel and corporal guard, these officers were put 'n the gymnasium under the Jackson me-

the gymnasium under the Jackson memorial hall for safe keeping.

The boys then entered the cellar of the Smith Memorial Academy building, broke through three doors, and passed to the roof, where the display of fire works that there are the proof that had been as the control of the control o took place, and where they held high took place, and where they held high carrival for two hours. As the boys came down they were met by a number of sub-picfessors, who took down their names, put them under arrest, and ordered them to the office of the commandant, Colonel Ford. Here they were individually quesoned as to the escapade, but they were all as innocent as lambs, knowing nothing as to why the celebration was indulged

The following are the names of the participants as given by the class president: A. H. Allen, Summit Point, W. Va.; C R Atwill Kinsale, Va.; A. Norfolk, Va.; W. H. Best, Goldsboro N. C., E. L. Burruss, Norfolk, Va.; J. M. Camp, Franklin, Va.; Harry Carlton, Emporia, Va.; R. A. Cauthorn, Tappa-harnock, Va.; H. W. Davant and W. T. harnock, Va.; H. W. Davant and W. T.
Davant, Roanoke, Va.; C. L. Davis,
Vicksburg, Miss.; N. C. Demis, New
York; R. G. Devoe, Seattle, Wash.; H.
G. Dickie, Massle's Mills, Va.; H. T.
Eglin, Lewinsville, Va.; J. P. Gay, FrankLa, Va.; C. D. Hagan Richmond, Va.;
G. R. Hobson, Ashland, Va.; T. D. Hoskins, Summit, Miss.; Russell James, DanMille, Va.; L. C. Lamont, Chicago, Ill.;
E. B. Lee Goldsboro, N. C.; C. H. Loop,
Clattanoga, Tenn.; Edward McFarlane,
Towanda, Pa.; J. A. Merritt, Baltimore,
Md.; E. R. Page, Ansted, W. Va.; H. E.
Parsons, Accomac, Va.; F. V. Ruckman, Parsons, Accomac, Va.; F. V. Ruckman, Monongaha, W. Va.; J. D. Sparks, Fort Smith, Ark.; F. B. Steele, Keystone, W. Va.; Paul Tabb, Hampton, Va.; A. B. Teliaferro, Nasons, Va.; J. T. Via, Wool-wine, Va.; Fred. Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; R. S. Young, Concord, N. C. These were all members of last year's class. The following "rats" of the third class were also in the escapade: Bowles, of Michigan, and Booker, Perkins, Craighill, Owen, Hudgins, Warren, Herman and Conrad, all of Virginia.

Several of the above mentioned cadets

were in their rooms on the night of the cciebration, detained there because of per-alties, but they fired crackers from their windows. One of them, whose name cannot be secured, refused postthely to take part, and did not. Some of the boys' parents came to-night, and to-morrow will conter with General Shipp morrow will confe as to their boys.

HOME SET ON FIRE

Prince George Negro Finds That His Children Have Burned House Down,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 11.-During the absence of the parents from the home the children accidentally set fire to the home of Cary Cotton, a well known colored man in Prince George county, about seven miles from this city, and the building was burned to the ground before any assistance could be secured. There was no insurance on the building, and the loss falls heavy on the family. Anna Sykes, colored, left her two-yearold child alone at her home on Harding Street yesterday, and when she sent a colored girl to look after the child she found it burned to death in the build-

Mr. C. A. Jordan, the superintendent of the American Cigar Company in this city, has been called to Durham, N. C., city, has been called to Durham, N. C., on account of the death of his mother.

Mr. Fred. Heineman, who for several years has been bookkeeper for the Old reason other than despondency can be

Dominion Pants Manufacturing Com-pany, has resigned his position and ac-cepted a position with Stratton and

Bragg.

There have been good sales of peanuts
this fall, but the stock on hand is not large, as considerable shipping has been done. The farmers in the adjoining country are rapidly theseing their crops and all will be in a market-

able condition before the holidays. The Giffen Stock Company will give a delightful production of Haddon Cham-ber's famous drama, Captain Swift, at the Academy of Music, in this city, this

Spencer Green (colored), the oldest officer of the First Baptist Church (col-ored), in this city, and the first super-

intendent of the Sunday school, died at his ome in this city yesterday. Green was at one time a member of the School Board, and was also once a Justice of

the Peace. He was a highly respected

charged with trespassing on the premises of a lady in Dinwiddle county, near this city, yesterday. They are heid for the Dinwiddle county authorities.

Ine Dinwiddle county authorities.

Mr. P. S. Rives, who has been in the employ of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, in this city, has been made manager of the company's office in Charlotte N. C.

INFANT POISONED

Left by Itself it Tried Its Father's Throat Mixture.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 11 .- John, the nfant son of M. Brenneman, of East Main Street, was poisoned by swallowing a mixture which his father had used to spray his throat. The little fellow got the medicine when no one was present and was almost gone when the physiclans arrived to relieve him. The calld is out of danger now, but he had a

is out of danger now, but he had a narrow escape from death. Joseph S. Clark, a driver for the Home Oil Company, was fined \$100 to-day for pedding oil without a license. The prosecution was conducted by the Retail Grocers' Association, which is hot after peddlers who are alleged to be doing business without a license. This is the first conviction. Under the statutes the fine ranges from one to five hundred dollars.

The contract for building the new steel blind factory, to cost fifty thousand dol-lars, was let to George Banks. James G. Wilson, of Ocean, New York, is the

Despite diligent search the life Savers have seen no evidences of the wreck of the schooner Wesley M. Oler, last heard of at Ocracoke Inlet during the gale last Friday. No bodies have washed ashore.

OPLNING A STREET

Williamsburg Council Lays Prof. Bird's Resignation on the Table. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 11 .-At a meeting of the City Council, held last night, the report of the attorney employed to investigate the claims of the city to a piece of land north of the junction of Scotland and Henry Streets, was read. As far as could be ascertained by the attorney, Henry Street never crossed Scotland Street. It is very probable, however, that the city will open the street north to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad track, if it has to pay for the land.

Councilman Hugh S. Bird tendered his resignation, but the Council voted unani-Bird's reason for tendering his resigna-tion was because he needed his time at the college.

The Council appropriated a sum of noney for street improvement.

The Circuit Court, Judge J. W. G.
Blackstone presiding, which has been in
session since Tuesday, adjourned to-night
for this session,
Mr. C. H. Grovesnor, of Ewell's, who
is dest cousin of General Grovesnor, of

is first cousin of General Grovesnor, of Ohio, is suffering from blood-poisoning. He has come to Williamsburg for treatment.

THE CHILDREN SAVED

Howard Barksdale and George Temple Stop Runaway in Danville. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

DANVILLE, VA., December 11.-What might have been a very serious accident | was averted on Main Street this morning by the prompt and heroic action of two by the prompt and heroic action of two stock on nearby farms and it is ex-cf Danville's most prominent citizens, pected there will be other developments Messrs. Howard Barksdale and George of the disease. The dog is still at large. Temple. The horses hitched to a trap, which had in it the little children of Mr. Daniel A. Overbey, became frightened while standing on Main Street and started on a run. They ran for some distance and collided with a carriage.

A Long Oil Pipe Line.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December 11.-The Standard Oil Company will build here a large stationary oil tank near the site of its present portable tanks. This is said to be the first step toward the beginning of active operations on the oil pipe line to be run from Baltimore and Nichmond to this city. Here the Stand Richmond to this city. Here the Stand-ard Oil Company will distribute oil for foreign consumption, and it is expected that Newpore News will become the largest oil exporting city in the country.

COMMITS SUICIDE IN ALEXANDRIA

Stephen J. Woolls Shoots and Kills Himself Instantly in His Bathroom.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 11.—
Stephen J. Woolls this afternoon sent a bullet crashing through his brain at his residence, corner of Wolfe and Royal Streets, while the other members of the family were at lunch. Death was instantaneous. The young man committed the rash act in the bath room. Just previously he called his mother to his beaside and had her bring him a g.ass of water. In a few minutes afterward the members of the household were a war startled by the report of a pistol shot, indignal and upon entering found him dead.

assigned for his rash act.

Mr. Woolls was twenty-eight years of age and unmarried. He was a son of Williams P. Woolls, and was a member of the firm of William P. Woolls and Sons, grocers and liquor dealers. Young Woolls was well known and popular.

From Meadow Station.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
MEADOW STATION, HENRICO
COUNTY, VA., December 11.—A petition
is now before the judge of Henrico county for a new road from Fair Oaks to Meadow Station. The route proposed is almost a straight line between the two places, and would very much shorten the distance by road. Owing to the recent rains the roads are almost impassable.
The teacher at Meadow Station, Miss
Edith Steigleder, has been called home on account of the cangerous illness of her

The weekly meeting of the Social Club william Cook and Henry Stephens, two Tuesday night at Mrs. Eberhard's home, negroes from North Carolina and South was a most enjoyable occasion.

GOOD FALL TRADE FOR MERCHANTS

Country Produce is Bringing Fine Prices in Fredericksburg.

SHOT 130 DUCKS IN ONE DAY

Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and Mechanical Society Meets for the Election of Officers-Its Excellent Financial Condition.

(Special Dispatch to The Timas.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 11.— The fall trade in this city up to this time has been better than last year, and in many respects largely in excess. Some in many respects largely in excess. Some of the merchants report an increase in their business of forty per cent. as compared with last year up to this time. The recent cold snap stimulated business considerably. Farmers killed their pork and brought it into market, obtaining good prices, and bought their Christmas Bupplies. Railroad ties are coming in supplies. Railroad ties are coming steadily, poultry of all kinds is seiling well, eggs are high, hay, corn and wheat are selling well, wild turkeys, partridges and rabbitst are in demand; we is bringing from \$2.55 to \$4.00 per cord; and altogether the farmers are obtaining better prices for a great variety of pro-duce than eyer before.

Ducks are more plentiful in the creeks and other tributaries of the Rappahanand other tributaries of the Repairment nock and Potomac Rivers than for years. Gunners are having great sport and many ducks are being killed each day. Mr. Herbert Taylor, of King George county, bagged one day this week 130 ducks in one day. In the creeks of H. V. and A. F. Turner, in King George county, over 100 ducks were killed in one day. Mr. Wilkins Taylor, of King George county, while using his horse as "blind" killed three wild geese at one AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Rappahannock Valley Agricultural and

Mechanical Society was held here to-day for the election of officers and other business. The election resulted in the choice of the following officers for 1903: President, Captain M. B. Rowe; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. W. S. Embrey, M. C. Hall, M. S. Chancellor, J. P. H. Crismond, J. P. Rowe, D. M. Lee, A. W. Wallace, Jas. T. Lowery, V. Chancellor, L. R. Colbert, William H. Richards, Benjamin Goldsmith; Secretary and Treasurer, Captain S. J. Quinn; Board of Directors, the president, secretary, and the following: Messrs, St. George R. Fitzhugh, E. D. Cole, A. P. Rowe, J. And the following: Alessay A. P. Rowe, J. M. Griffin, A. T. Embrey, T. McCracken, H. B. Lane, H. F. Crismond, C. H. Hurkamp, G. W. Shepherd, J. P. Corbin, J. B. Gray, J. R. Rawlings, Oliver Eastburn, S. S. Bradford, J. R. Alrich, Henry Dannehl, Henry Warden, J. J. Sale, A. M. Garner, T. F. Morrison, T. J. Haydon, J. W. Jones and Alex Prait. This society has held sixteen successful annual fairs and is now in first clars financial condition. It is probably the most Successful agricultural society in the State, COW WITH HYDROPHOBIA.

A fine young cow belonging to Mr.

A fine young cow belonging to Mr. W. C. Orrick, of Spotsylvania county, died from hydrophobia yesterday. A dog with the rabies attacked the cow in the field and bit her on the nose some time ago. The same dog attacked other

The steamer Tourist will make a trade on the Rappahannock River to this city on December 18th, returning on Decem-ber 19th On December 26th the same

herself badly and breaking one of her

A HAPPY HONEYMOON

Mr. H. S. Foster, of Hampton, and His Bride to Remain in V ashington. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 11.— No happier couple can be found to-day than Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott Foster, of Buckroe Beach, the postponement of whose marriage at Hampton last Sunday whose marriage at Hampton ass sunday evening, due to the disappearance of the bridegroom at the last minute, created such a sensation in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Foster are spending their honey-

Mrs. Foster are spending their honeymoon at the Temple House on Ninth Street. Washington, where they were quietly married Tuesday night.

Mr. Foster explained the whole matter to the reporter of The Times here tonight. He says there was no trouble between him and Miss Alice Campbell, now Mrs. Foster. It was all on account of his sisters. The announcement that he was to be married on Sunday night appeared in the local papers on Sunday morning. At dinner that day the subject came up, and Foster's sisters raised a bit of a row over it. They were resentful, as sisters will be of another girl taking their brother away, and they expressed their feeling freely.

pressed their feeling freely.

"I saw what a row it was going to make." said Foster to-night. "So I wrote a note to Miss Campbell and told her it was all right; that I would come to Washington and meet her and her father. and that she and her father must come on here and we would be married. They came on Monday night and got here Tuesday and we were married Tuesday night. That's all there is to it."

Mr. Foster was shown a telegram from ort News, which said there had been a warrant sworn out for him. He was indignant, and accused a newspaper man in Newport News of being responsible for the story.

The young couple will remain in Washington for some time.

DOG WAS ON GUARD

Unknown Man in Roanoke Residence Found it Well Protected.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) ROANOKE, VA., December 11.—Last night an unknown man, white or col red, night an unknown man, white or col red, it is not known which, concealed himself in the parlor of Mr. F. H. Wickes' residence. Mr. Wickes is an employe of the shops, and had to work at night. Mrs. Wickes was not alone, however. Herbrother, Mr. P. A. Graves, and a dog were in the house. The animal aroused Mr. Graves by barking at the man and attempting to bite him. Mrs. Wickes managed to fire three shots at him as he ran out of the door, but missed him.

Harrison burg Marriagos. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HARRISONBURG, VA., December 11 .-Miss Katie S. Woodson and Mr. W. B. Todd were married in the home of the bride at Harrisonburg, Va., yesterday, at

6 A. M. and left immediately after the ceremony for a northern tour. The groom is the agent of the Chesapeake and Ohlo railway at Mount Salon, Augusta county

gusta county.

The wedding of Miss Olivia Fallis and The wedding of Miss Onvia rains and Mr. Lynwood B. Yates took place yesterday at Harrisonburg. Va., the Rev. Dr. E. P. Palmer, of the Presbyterian, and the Rev. Oscar E. Sams, of the Baptist Church, performing the ceremony.

Carter-Rarris.

Carter—Rurris.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CARTERSVILE, VA. December 11.—

Mr. Willie Richard Carter and Miss
Florie B. Harris, were married at Smyrna
Church this afternoon. The groom is
the son of Mr. Lemuel Carter, or Goochland. The bride, the daughter of Mr.
Charles F. Harris, has been teaching
school near the Three Square and will return to her school after the wedding
tour. Mr. and Mrs. Carter left on the
afternoon train for Ashland, where they
will be at the home of the groom's siswill be at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Mayberg, for a few days.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
CLIFTON FORGE, VA., Dec. II.—
Cards have been issued announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Sarah Elizabeth Jones, of Waynesboro, to Mr. H. Massey Newcomb, of Clifton Forge, to be performed in the Baptist Church at Waynesboro Wednesday morning next. Miss Jones is the popular daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones, of Waynes-boro, and Mr. Newcomb is engineer on the James River Division of the Chesa-peake and Ohio. They will reside in Clifton Forge.

Corder-Cubbage.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
LURAY, VA., December 11.—Mr. Daniel
J Corder, a merchant of Luray, and Miss
Mittle Cubbage, of Honeyville, this county
were married at the home of the bride's
mother at noon to-day, Elder D. W. were marined at moon to-day, Elder D. W. Strickler, of the German Baptist Church, oiliciating. The groom was formerly of Rappahannock county, while the bride is a daughter of the late Jacob Cubbage. who was drowned in this county several

Interesting Announcement.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CLIFTON FORGE, VA., Dec. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Allen, of Saltpetre Cave, have issued cards to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Bessle Allen, to Mr. Lindsay Ayers, of Clifton Forge. The marriage will take place in the Presbyterian Church at Saltpetre Cave at 3:30 o'clock on Wednesday, December

Carpenter-Grim.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) WINCHESTER, VA., December 11 .-Miss Bessie Trenary Grim and Mr. Isaac S. Carpenter, a well known young couple, were married at a late hour last night in the United Brethren Church, Rev. S. D. Skelton officiating. The only wit-

RECORD ON HOGS

Cumberland Claims It-Five Dressed for Market Weigh Nearly a Ton. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CARTERSVILE, VA., December 11 .-Cumberland claims the record on hogs. Mr. E. G. Harrison shipped to-day five hogs, dressed for market. They weighed in all nearly 200 pounds, and Mr. Harri-son received for them a check for \$13),

Almshouse this morning from excessive in Richmond, where it is said he had a good trade. Zuloff was given a decent burial in the city lot in Elmwood Cemetery. He was a native of Germany and was a man of good education. drinking. He was formerly in business

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) STAUNTON, VA., December 11.—The administrators of Trixie Mayer secured a administrators of Trixe Buyer secured a new trial to-day against the Chesapeake and Ohio on the ground that the former verdict of \$250 was insufficient. The suit

PARENTS OBJECT, BUT CUPID WINS

Mr. Fred Grant and Pretty Miss Estelle Craasy, of Lynchburg, Married at Pelham.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LYNCHBURG, VA., December 11.-Miss Estelle Creasy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Creasy, of Rivermont, and Mr. Fred. Grant, a well known motorman of the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, had been in love with each other for a long time, and they made up their minds to get married. The young lady's parents, however, were opposed to the match on the ground that she was too young, her age being only seventeen For awhile it looked as if the opposition had resulted in separating the young couple, but in this instance, as is often the case, love found a way. On last Tues-6ny afternoon Miss Creasy left her home in Rivermont for the ostensible purpose of coming over to the city to spend the night with an aunt. Subsequent events proved that sae did not go to her aunt's, but that she wont to the Union depot. When the fast train pulled out for Dan-ville, she was one of the passengers. Mr. Grant did not get on the train until it had started to pull out of the station, but he landed salely on the platform and

was soon by the side of the young lady who was to be his bride. On reaching Danville, they procured a conveyance and drove to Pelham, where, at half-past seven o'clock, they were married. They returned home on the

foll-wing morning.

Mrs. Grant is a charming and notably pretty young lady, and is exceedingly popular. Mr. Grant is a valued employe of the Lynchburg Traction and Light Company, and is held in highest exteen by all who know him.

HAS NEW EVIDENCE AGAINST WILCOX

The Father of Nell Cropsey is Preparing for the Trial.

SEEN TALKING AT THE GATE

The New Witness, Who Did Not Appear at the First Trial, Will Testify That Wilcox Was with the Girla Few Minutes Before Her Death.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) NORFOLK, VA., December 11.-W. H. Cropsey, or Elizabeth City, N. C., stopped nere on his yay home. He has been to New York to consult Andrew J. Cropsey, an attorney and his brother. Speaking of the murder of his daughter, Nei-ne Cropsey, for which James Wilcox is to be retried at Hertford next month, of. Cropsey declared that new evidence, which will have a damaging effect upon Wilcox's case, will be introduced. It was for this purpose that Mr. Cropsey consulted with ms brother, who was one consulted with his brother, who was one of the attorneys for the prosecution in

the first trial.

Mr. Cropsey stated that an important witness, who did not appear at the first trial of Wilcox, will be introduced. This witness, a woman whose name Mr. Crop-sey did not mention, will, he says, tes-tify that on the night of the murder, thy that on the night of the murder, and within fifteen minutes from the time it occurred, she saw James Wileox and Nellie Cropsey engaged in conversation at the gate of the Cropsey residence. at the gate of the Cropsey residence. This witness will also give other important evidence, the nature of which Mr. Cropsey did not disclose. The statements of the witness, who, on account of her condition at the time and for other reasons, did not testify at the first trial of the celebrated case, will, it is reported, disclose facts that have never been brought to light in the terrible tragedy.

ELOPED WITH STABLEMAN.

Pretty fifteen-year-old Janle Stormont,

Pretty fifteen-year-old Janle Stormont, daughter of D. Stormont, 2 fishery owner of Virginia Beach, has cloped with Dick of Virginia Beach, has eloped with Dick Garrett, a stableman, who up to the time of his disappearance with Miss Stormont was employed by her father. He is about forty years of age, and is not hardsome. The last seen of Garrett and Miss Stormont was on Monday. Since that time Mr. Stormont, who is districted at his daughter's disappearance. has hunted every available place where he thought she may have gone. It is supposed that they are in North Carolina, Garrett's native State CAPE HENRY LINE.

After a two days' meeting of the stock-Andrea of the Chesapeake Transit Com-pany, the ney route to Cape Henry, W. If Robinson, the general manager, says: "Many improvements are to be made on our road. Its future is assured. The the has been financed, and there is no trouble in that respect. The present neetings are for the purpose of placing meetings are for the purpose of placing its maintenance and operation on a systematic basis." All of the stockholders express the greatest confidence in the venture and look upon the road as a fine piece of propety. The line now extends from this city to Virginia Beach, patsing Lynnhaven Bay and Cape Henry. At both of these places it has teminal focilities and from one and of the line done in the line in the li facilities, and from one end of the line to the other traverses a country that has great prospects for future develop-

THE COUNTY WINS The decision of the Supreme Court of Appeals in the Atlantic and Danville Railroad case puts \$13,000 in the Nor-felk county treasury. While the amount sued for in 1895 amounted to only about \$2,000, the sum is increased because the Scuthern Rai way Company has purchased the Atlantic and Danville, and that company will have to pay.

The Atlantic and Danville Railroad

Company, after paying taxes on its roadway and tracks, refused to pay the taxes assessed by the county on its depots, stations and rolling stock, on the ground that the assessment was West County. that the assessment was Illegal. County NORFOLK VA. December 11.—Hen-Treasurer Lyons began proceedings to y Zuloff, sixty years old, died at the levy on the property, but the company secured an injunction restraining him from doing so. The case went through the courts till it was finally decided to-

> The Merchants and Planters Bank increased the capital stock of the bank \$20,000, making the total capital \$50,000, and will also increase the present surglus of \$10,000 to \$16,000.

ODD-FELLOWS' BANQUET

A Most Erjoyable Occasion Reported at Clarksville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CLARKSVILLE, VA., December II,-Roanoke River Lodge of Odd-Fellows en-tertained its members and their friends at Hotel Grace last night. The guests were invited to the dining room at 8:30 o'clock, where an elegant supper was served. Between forty and fifty Odd-Fel-lows and their wives sat down at the hountifully laden table.

After supper Mr. A. W. Magee, chaplain, introduced in a few well chosen words Mr. A. M. Southall, D. G. M., of Danville, who made an excellent talk on Odd-

Fellowship and the good work it is doing

in Virginia.

Among those present from a distance were Sheriff B. E. Cogbill, of Boydton; Messrs, C. E. Goghegan, of Chase City; C. S. Gordon, of Baskerville; F. T. Willis, of Skipwith; Chalmers Gordon, of North View, and V. W. Shelton, of Buffalo Lithia

DRAGGED TO DEATH

Sam Harper, of Crab Bottom, Loses His Life Near Churchville. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MONTEREY, VA., December 11.—The death of Mr. Sam Harper, of Crab Bottom, was one of the most tragic that ever occurred in this section. He had been to Staunton for goods, and was rebeen to Staunton for goods, and was re-turning in a large road wagon, when east of Churchville, Augusta county, in going down a steep hill, he was pitched forward by the motion of the wagon, falling down between the double trees and the wagon. He was unable to extri-cate himself, and was dragged to death, cate himself, and was dragged to death, his head striking on rocks in the road. When found by friends he was in a dy-

HOG-KILLING TIME

Frèdericksburg Enterprise is Appreciated Down the Rappahannock.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

HEATHSVILLE, VA., December II.

"Hog-killing time" is positively the greatest victs and is looked forward to by thousands of people. The hog-killing season usually opens from the middle to the latter part of November, according to the weather, and closes very early in December. Owing to the warm weather, hog-killing was begun a great deal later the part of the year, The built of the hogs will be killed this week. The quantity of pork

Robert E. Hutton, general manager of the will of the later approved this afternoon. Junius Reed, a negro, shot and dangerously wounded Richard Banks, also colored. The builter entered the right cheek. Banks' condition is critical. After a chease of several miles Hurricane Branch captured the assailant.

Jue Langston, colored, of Bosley, N. C. While coupling cars loaded tricks and is looked forward to by thousands of people. The hog-killing season usually opens from the middle to the latter part of November, according to the weather, and closes very early in December. Owing to the warm weather, hog-killing was begun a great deal later the proposed and the company.

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butchered here is about twenty-five per-cent. smaller than in past years. The Business Men's Association of Fredericksburg and the shippers along

the Rappahannock Valley have at last succeeded in putting an independent steamboat on the Rappahannock River to ply between Fredericksburg and Ur-tanna. The enterprise is highly appreciated by the people on both sides of the Rappahannock.

AMATEUR FARCE

Young Ladies of Fincastle Very Succestful in Their Dramatic Efforts.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FINCASTLE, VA., Dec. 11.-The ladies of St. Mark's Episcopal Church gave an enjoyable entertainment in the Town Hall last night in the interest of church repairs. Misses Mary Edmonson, Nan-nie St. John and Mary Hipkins Godwin, with Miss Minnie Ross and Miss Louise Camper, presented the little farce, "Not a Man in the House," and did it exceed-ingly well. Fincastle is famed for its pretty girls, and they were out in full force.

Ice two inches thick is reported on the ponds this morning. If this weather holds for a day or two longer, Pote-tourt people will begin filling their ice houses.

Miss Emma Cary Breckinridge will return about Christmas from Richmond, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. John C. Easley.

VIRGINIA COAL OUTPUT

Tazewell and Wise Last Year Exceeded All Previous Records. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

TAZEWELL, VA., December 11 .- The total production of coal in 1901 in Virginia. was 2,725,873 short tons, valued at \$2,353,989. Virginia is included in the number of coal producing States whose products in the first year of the twentieth century exceeded that of any previous year. In 1809 Virginia exceeded for the first time a total production of 2,000,000 short tons. The output in 1991 shows an increase of 232,119 over the previous year. Tazewell and Wise are the only two important coal producing counties in the State. The production in this county was interrupted by a disastrous fire in the mines at Pocahontas, which resulted in the death of many men and much loss of property. The production decreased nearly 200,000 tons. This was made up by the increased activity in Wise county, which showed an increase of \$50,000 tons, or forty per

ANOTHER COLLISION

Two More C. & O. Engines Smashed Up by Accidents in Yards. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CLIFTON FORGE, VA., December II .-Passenger engine No. 146 was struck by a yard engine on the Chesapeake and Ohio yards here this evening. It was a head-on collision, and both engines were badly disabled. None of the engine crews were injured. A small freight wreck occurred at Al-

pine to-day, caused by a broken truck. Several cars were broken up, but no one

John Piner, of Botetourt, is Fatally Inju-ed by a Young Cow.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) FINCASTLE, VA., December 11,-Mr. John Piner died this morning at his home near Mount Vernon. He was eighty-eight years of age and had moved last Saturday to the old Firebaugh farm, which he had just bought. He was trying to get a young cow into the stable, when she ran over him, knocking him down and inflict-ing injuries which proved fatal.

Mr. Piner was a highly esteemed citizen

Historic Chapel Dedicated.

the services were conducted by the Rev. C. D. Harris, of Martinsburg, W. Va., assisted by the Rev. D. Frank Entsler, the pastor of the church.

The present is the third church erected on this site, the first having been, built in 1755 and the second in 1851. The church is called Payne's Chapel'in honor of a pioneer family who built the first church on the site. At the services leaf Courter. pioneer family who built the first church on the site. At the services last Sunday there were five members of the family who were present at the dedication in

BETTER LIGHTS FOR LEXINGTON

Secretary of Education Board Tells Washington and Lee of the Ogden Movement.

so-cailed "Ogden movement," addressed the University assembly at the Lee Me-morial Chapel, Washington and Lee University, Wednesday morning. His theme

versity, Wednesday morning. His theme was the education movement in the South, in which he laid special emphasis on the importance of the education of the negro along industrial lines.

The Lexington Light and Fower Company have just finished installing their new electric plant for lighting the town of Lexington. The new lights are a great improvement over the old system in that they shed a steady, regular, brilliant, shadowless light. The new plant is a Westinghouse 60 k. w., 60 cyc.e, singlephase alternator. The cost of the improvement is about \$5,00. The work was done under the supervision of Mr. Robert E. Hutton, general manager of the company.

THE TEXAS SAILS TO JOIN SQUADRON

Dick Williams, Who Shot Jones Five Years Ago, is Arrested.

THEY CHANGE THEIR MINDS

One of the O'dest Contractors on the Peninsula Makes an Assignment. His Assets Will Fully Meet the Liabilities.

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NEWPORT NEWS, VA., December II.—
The battleship Texas sailed this morning for Culebra to join the other vessels of the squadron. She made the start from Norfolk yesterday, but after going out in the stream anchored and eventually returned to her wharf. This morning she came out into the Roads and passed Old Point. It is believed that this time she is off for good. ft for good, Sheriff Curtis, of Warwick, returned this

Sheriff Curtis, of Warwick, returned this morning from Camden, bringing with him Dick Williams, who is wanted here for the murder of Bob Jones. Jones was killed five years ago, having been shot in the back as he left a Twenty-third Street con. The police have been lookisaloon. The police have been looking for Williams ever since, and his arrest by the Camden authorities was a great surprise. There was another complication in the Stennett-Morris case this morning, when young Stennett, who is in fall charged with the betrayal of the girl refused to marry her. When first arrested Stennett refused to marry the girl, who is the sixretrieved to marry the girl, who is the six-teen-year-old daughter of Mr. J. W. Mor-ria. Last night, however, after having been indicted by the grand jury, he changed his mind and offered to marry the girl, but she refused. This morning she changed her mind and sent him word that she was ready to marry him, but he had changed his mind in the meantime. The case will now be fought sur-

The case will now be fought out.

George R. Ware, one of the oldest and
best known contractors of the Peninsula. nled a deed of assignment to-day with W. E. Cottrell as assignee. The liabilities are \$25,000, but the assets are said to be more than sufficient to meet them.

Laurel, Md., authorities sent here to-day for Horace Lesher, a young man arrested here far jumping a board bill. Lesher 's wanted in Laurel for felonious shooting. He gives his address as Washington, D.

MRS. BAYS UNKNOWN

Lynchburg Knows Nothing of Woman Who Went to Marila in Male Attire.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) LYNCHBURG, VA., December 11 Careful inquiry fails to show that Mrs. Alma Bays, who tells a thrilling story of fellowing her husband in male attire to Manila, came from Lynchburg. So far as known the only family of that name in Lynchburg is the family of Mr. George T. Bay, a stonecutter, who says that William Bays is no relation of his, and that he never heard of him.

Betsy Wood (colored) was tried in the Campbell County Court this week for felonious assault, and was given twelve months in the county jail and was fined \$20. She assaulted Sallie Hatcher, also colored, with a razor, and cut her very severely. Betsy's counsel asked for a new trial, and this being refused, they are the paring to take her case to the Circuit. as known the only family of that name

reparing to take her case to the Circuit The case of Randelph and Robert Jamerson, who are charged with assaulting their cousin, George Jamerson, was con-tinued until the next term of court, which

A STRAY BULLET Robert Devault is Fatally Wounded in

Wise Ccu ty.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ROANOKE, VA., Dec. II.—Robert Devault, aged forty-eight, was fatally wounded by a stray bullet at Cocourn. in Wise county, to-day. Devault was a bystander when John Effing and William

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

WINCHESTER, VA., December 11.—
At the dedication of Payne's chapet, near Ridgeway, W. Va., December 7th, the services were conducted by the Rev. C. D. Harris, of Martinsburg, W. Va., assisted by the Rev. D. Frank Entsler, the pastor of the church.

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A special from Barboursville, Ky, says the largest oil gusher in that region was brought in near that place last night. The well soon afterwards cought fire and burned flercely for ten hours, doing much

damage. The coal dealers of this city to-day advanced the price of soft coal to \$7.50 per ton, being an advance of \$1.

PORGOT TO RETURN Two Well Dressed Young Men Drive

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEESBURG, VA., December II.—On Sunday evening two well dressed young men applied to Mr. T. G. Eubank, of Falls.

Church, for the hire of a horse and buggy, promising to return after a short drive of the bare. They were seen raine in the promising to return after a safe are seen and hour. They were seen going in the direction of Herndon. At this place all trace of their whereabouts has been lost. It is believed they turned aside and crossed the Potomac into Maryland. Increased the Potomac into Maryland. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 11.—Rev. Edgar Gardner Murphy, of New York, the executive secretary of the Southern Education Board, in connection with the so-cailed "Ogden movement" and research to March to locate the parties has failed.

J. B. McCabe sold to Mr.

the Osburn property, located near Round 11111, for \$27.50 per acre.

Monday Mr. Cecil Connor purchased for a client the famous Hatcher mill property, situated near the Fauquier line, for \$1,600. The land of the late Jonah Nichols. near Hamilton, was sold by Captain W. E. Garrett to J. P. Brown, consisting of 107 acres, for \$53.50 per acre.

BRANCH CAUGHT HIM

Hurricane's Bloodhounds Run Down a Negro in Nansemor d. (Special Dispatch to The Times

SUFFOLK, VA. December 11.—During a fracas at Everett's, in Nansemond, this afternoon, Junius Reed, a negro, shot and

Off With a Hired Team.